CLAIMS:

Claims 27-30 have been amended. Claims 27-30 are pending in the present application. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) A method for producing a heterologous protein comprising: (a) culturing a non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell comprising a nucleic acid sequence operably linked to a promoter encoding the heterologous protein, wherein the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell has the morphological and growth characteristics and the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic properties of *Fusarium venenatum* deposited under NRRL 30747; and (b) isolating the heterologous protein.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended) An isolated non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a heterologous protein, wherein the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell has the morphological and growth characteristics and the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic properties of *Fusarium venenatum* deposited under NRRL 30747.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the host cell is the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell ~~of~~ deposited under NRRL 30747.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended) The *Fusarium venenatum* host cell of claim 28, which is the non-toxic, non-toxigenic, and non-pathogenic *Fusarium venenatum* host cell ~~of~~ deposited under NRRL 30747.